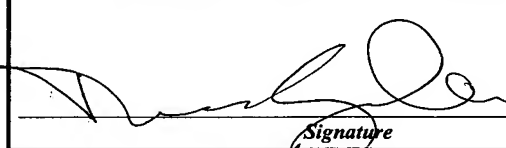
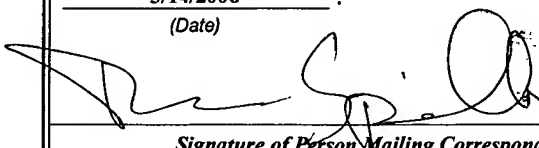


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Application No. 10/687,184	Filing Date October 16, 2003	Examiner John P. Leubecker	Customer No. 23389	Group Art Unit 3739	Confirmation No. 7582
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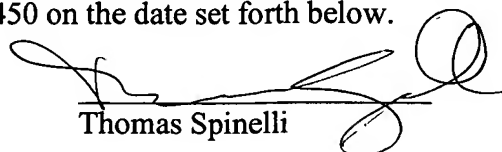
Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 14, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

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